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[1](#)1. (S) Poland's NATO Deputy PermRep Adam Bugajski informed Charge December 22 that Warsaw plans to issue a non-paper on the proposed inclusion of the three Baltic countries in NATO's EAGLE GUARDIAN plan, which currently addresses the protection of Poland (reftel A). Bugajski requested the US review the non-paper, expected to be released o/a January 8, 2010, before rolling out instructions on expanding EAGLE GUARDIAN to include the Balts.

[1](#)2. (S) Bugajski noted that during a recent visit to Warsaw, SACEUR Admiral Stavridis predicted the ongoing update of EAGLE GUARDIAN as currently configured should be completed by March 2010. Poland is anxious to see the update completed but understands expanding EAGLE GUARDIAN to include the Baltic countries may delay its final approval, Bugajski said.

While he did not comment on the content of Warsaw's non-paper, Bugajski said it may include procedural requests to ensure the Balts' contingency plan remains distinct from the Poland chapter within EAGLE GUARDIAN. Poland does not favor integrating the two plans, though they do not object to both relying on the same intelligence assessment and related information.

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